

SWAMP FOX SCENE



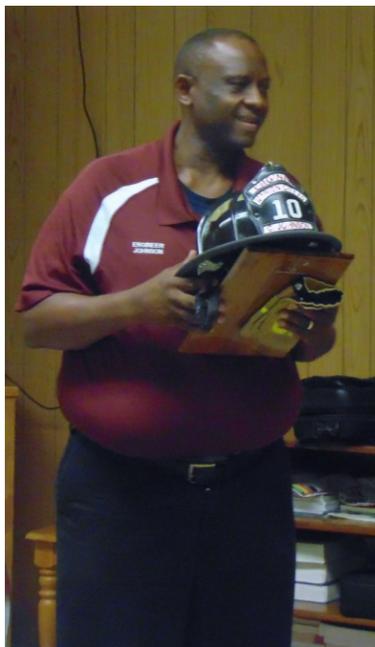
A FREE monthly news magazine for the citizens and visitors of the Swamp Fox City



Look who's retired!!!

Christopher Johnson began his career as a firefighter with the City of Marion Fire Department on 4 February 1993, and retired on 26 August 2016. Engineer Johnson has always be enthusiastic about helping people. Over the years he has been involved in many successful rescues and there are numerous

lives that have been changed by his involvement. He is a good Christian man and has been a role model for other firefighters and young men to follow.



Marion Fire Chief Trey Cooper has known Chris ever since he joined the rescue squad in 1991, and they have both progressed throughout their careers together. Chief Cooper said, "I have had the privilege of working with Engineer Johnson as his supervisor and Fire Chief for the past 9 years, however, it is more of a privilege to call Chris, my friend." He added, "Chris has always been willing to go the extra mile for our community and our department."

The City of Marion congratulates Chris Johnson on his retirement. It is well deserved and we wish him well in him retirement. It is our hope and prayer that God will continue to bless Chris and his family in all his future endeavors.

Mrs. Helen White celebrates 110th birthday



Mrs. Helen White celebrated her 110th birthday at her home in Centenary, Sunday afternoon September 18th. Mrs. Helen was born September 21, 1906.

She was surrounded by family, friends, and city leaders along with the City of Marion Mayor Bobby L. Davis to help celebrate her birthday. Mayor Davis presented her with a proclamation from the City Council and Mayor.

Mrs. Helen believes the key to her long life is the power of positive thinking. "I just kept living, going to bed at night and getting up the next day," said Mrs. Helen. She counts each and every day a blessing.

A Special Thank You



The City of Marion's quarterly employee fellowship luncheon was held on September 14th at Pop Dorsey Park. Mayor Bobby L. Davis, Administrator Alan Ammons, City Council Members and our City employees would like to express their gratitude and appreciation to HMRA and Azalea Garden Club Horticulture Committee for hosting this event and going the extra mile to make the luncheon special. The food was delicious! And a special thanks to Ms. Mary Dunbar the Executive Director from Marion County Healthcare Foundation for joining us.

Thank you all again for what you did for the City employees, and for the way you did it. We can't thank you all enough for this kind, generous gesture.

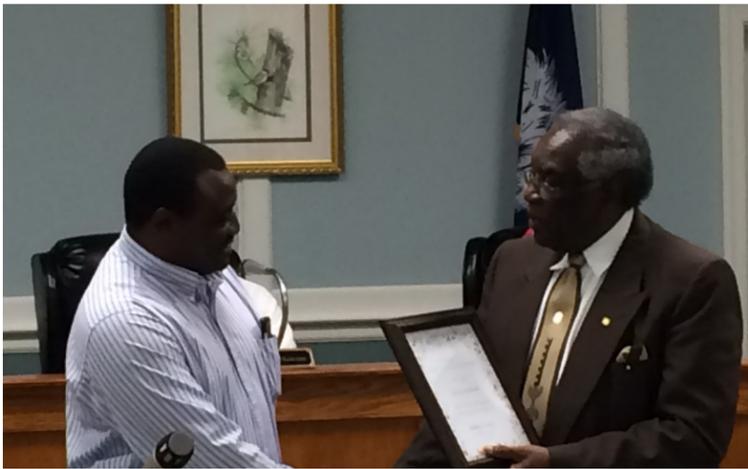


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Mayor's Monthly Beautification Award



Mayor Davis presented the September Beautification Award to Mr. Ervin Woodberry because of his hard work and dedication to the City of Marion at the council meeting on September 13th, in appreciation for helping maintain the beauty of the City of Marion. Mr. Woodberry was nominated for pressure washing and cleaning the new sub-station before the open house. He voluntarily did this for the City. He was nominated by Captain Cindy Barr.

"IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE"



On September 12th Woodmen Life 122 of Marion, in cooperation with Marion County participated in an "In Honor and Remembrance" ceremony at the new Marion County Administration Building. The ceremony honored the heroes and victims of September 11, 2001, and fulfilled our community's promise to never forget that tragic day. The ceremony also paid tribute to members of the military, both current and past, who selflessly protect America's freedom and liberty. And on a local level, this ceremony also extended unending gratitude to those who safeguard our community - firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians and other first responders who put their lives on the line for our safety.

The flag and the plaque were presented by Mr. Edwin Stephens, Field Representative, to County Council Chair Buddy Collins on behalf of Marion County. Mr. Stephens stated, "Woodmen Life is proud to present the flag to Marion County". The flag will proudly fly on the grounds of the new Marion County Administration Building when the new flag pole is erected. The gathering of more than 60 observers was attentive while Mr. Tim Harper, Marion County Administrator, expressed his gratitude to the Woodmen Life members and the audience, mostly comprised of "First Responders". Further, he acknowledged the dedication of the President of the Woodmen Life Chapter 122, Ms. Sandra Tindall, who was unable to be present.

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Marion Commerce 26th Annual Golf Tournament

Dusty Hills Country Club hosted the 26th Annual Marion Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament and Dinner on Wednesday, August 24, 2016. Tournament sponsors for this year were American Waste Systems, Anderson Brothers Bank, ArborOne, First Charter Co., Inc., Industrial Solutions, Palmetto Chevrolet, Pee Dee Electric Cooperative, Pee Dee Federal Savings Bank, Pee Dee Food Service, Pee Dee Office Solutions, Sheriff Mark Richardson, South Carolina House District 57 Representative Wayne George and Williamson Printing. Greens sponsors were Group Beneteau, Bridgers Drug Store, Carolinas Hospital System--Marion, Robert E. Lee, Attorney at Law, Craig Martin, CPA,PA., Marion County Healthcare Foundation and Richardson Funeral Home.

A Captain's Choice format was played with a 1 PM shotgun start. After golf, awards were presented by Golf Tournament Chairman, Carroll Atkinson and Chamber Executive Vice President Cindy Rogers. T-Roy's Restaurant catered a chicken bog dinner. 60 players participated.

Committee members were T. Carroll Atkinson, III, Chairman, Lucas Atkinson, Elaine Barkley, Freddie Barkley, Ashley Brady, and Craig Martin. Special thanks are extended to Chamber member volunteers and sponsors for making this year's tournament and dinner a success.

Tournament Results:

1st Place (57) Byron Beck, Larry McIntyre, Gordon McLellan, Glenn Greene

2nd Place (58) Lawson Battle, Chuck Page, Mark Lewis, Glenn Turner

3rd Place (60) Wesley Williamson, George Williamson, Jim McCormick, Rusty Creech

4th Place (60) Harold Herlong, Ervin Page, Danny Herlong, Floyd Herlong

Closest to Pins: # 2 Jim Scott, # 11 Jim McCormick, # 7 Carroll Grice, # 18 Jack Weatherford

Special Prizes: T- Roy's Restaurant sponsored the 4th place prizes. Palmetto Chevrolet sponsored a car for a Hole in One on #18 and Hulon Jewelers sponsored a diamond ring for a Hole in One on #11. This year there were no takers.

Marion Chamber ribbon-cutting Ceremony



The Marion Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Craig Martin, CPA on Wednesday, August 10th at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Martin moved his business and acquired the CPA firm of Jim

Belous. He has relocated to 207 North Tom Gasque Avenue. Marion Chamber President Kelli Noland and City Administrator Alan Ammons welcomed Mr. Martin to his new location as well as family and friends that attended the ribbon cutting .

Marion Chamber ribbon-cutting Ceremony



The Marion Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for the relocation of Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority on Thursday, September 8th at 11:00 a.m. They have relocated to 510 Supply Road, Marion. Marion Chamber President Kelli Noland and City Administrator Alan Ammons welcomed and thanked Mr. Fred Richardson

with Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority for the beautification of the property and for what they have done in assisting economic development in Marion County. Those attending the ribbon cutting were treated to a chicken bog lunch by Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority.



Each month there is a Marion Foodie meeting and a Marion Film Club meeting, sponsored by the Arts Council of Marion County Randy Floyd at (843) 992-1627 or email floydrandy@hotmail.com for information.

Sunday, October 2nd....

5:00 pm. **Praying for the Town of Sellers**, Sellers Library. Everyone is invited. For more information, contact Mayor Barbara Hopkins (843) 758-3873.

Thursday, October 6th....

6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m. **Taste of Temperance Hill**, Temperance Hill Volunteer Fire Department, 1104 Dudley Road, Marion SC. Tickets; \$15. For more information contact Delsie Hyson at (843) 506-9434 or Pat Gibson at (843) 616-2501.

Sunday - Saturday, October 9th - 15th....

Fire Prevention Week, This year’s campaign “**Don’t Wait-Check the Date.**”

Wednesday, October 12th....

11:00 am– 1:00 pm, Lunch and Book Signing “**Lightningstruck**” Marion Native Author Ashley Mace Havird. At the Marion County Museum. Lunch Cost \$15 per person. For reservations call (843) 423-8299.

Tuesday, October 11th....

6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting, Council Chambers.

Saturday, October 15th....

11:00 am. **Stop the Bullying / Stop the Violence March**, march begins at City Hall, 107 N Main Street Marion. For more information email mrvnhemingway@yahoo.com or call (843) 430-8131.

Saturday, October 15th....

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm. **Marion County Youth Day**, CD Joyner Auditorium, 161 Elizabeth Street Marion. For more information email mrvnhemingway@yahoo.com or call (843) 430-8131.

Saturday, October 22th....

Magnify Breast Cancer Awareness Walk/Ride, Registration 8:00 am, walk begins 9:00 am. For more information contact Novella Davis (843) 423-0807 or (843) 617-9850.

Saturday, October 22th....

9:00 am. Town of Sellers, **Raccoon Festival**. There are several activities planned for this events. For more information, contact Mayor Barbara Hopkins (843) 758-3873 or Town Hall at (843) 752-5009.

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The Marion Chamber and HMRA help pay printing costs.

A PDF version is available by e-mail or online. For more information about the newspaper, call Mayor Bobby L. Davis or City Administrator Alan Ammons at (843) 423-5961.

A TEAM MARION NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

“We Are Our Neighbors’ Keepers”

Contributed by: Dolly Boyer

A Team has much to be proud of after hosting our second very successful NNO in August. Also in August, A Team was the recipient of the Mayor’s Beautification Award. Now in September, our very own Ervin Woodberry was singled out for the same honor. Ervin is not one to seek the spotlight. He just goes about the work of being a great citizen quietly. He has chaired A Team since its inception. He didn’t stop with just trying to make Marion safer. He has worked to make the city more attractive. Some of his efforts include pressure washing the new Substation on Jones Ave, washing the Police Station and the walkways and sidewalks of City Hall. Some of this was done with the assistance of A Team, while he did some alone. The Mayor shares our belief that it’s not just trees, flowers and grass that make Marion a beautiful place to live. It’s the people too. People like Ervin Woodberry and many others that make their home in The Swamp Fox City. For more info on Neighborhood Watch call Dolly @ 843-433-0941.

Good Morning...The Paw Spaw!

Submitted by Kathy Stedman for HMRA

“I am living my dream” says Brooke Zeman, probably one of the youngest, if not the youngest, business owners in Marion. As a little girl, she loved animals, especially dogs, cats, and horses. Over the years, her family has owned a multitude of dogs and cats, with an odd animal thrown into the mix now and then. Never did she think that taking her dogs to dog groomer Jake Bales, then owner of the Paw Spaw, might evolve into an avenue for her to pursue doing what she loves most- working with animals, especially dogs.

But that is exactly what happened as Jake approached Brooke, during her senior year of high school, to see if she might be interested in buying her business and making it her own. The name would stay, but Brooke would be able to put her personal stamp on everything else. So upon graduation, Brooke headed to Groomadog Academy in Blythewood, SC for an intensive 3 month training and certification program to become a professional dog groomer. Her studies included recognition of breeds of dogs, grooming techniques for dogs, in general, and for specific breeds, and handling the responsibilities of running a business.



With nearly one full year under her belt, coming up in September, Brooke exudes the confidence and ease of someone with much more experience. Having already learned about distinct breed characteristics, Brooke finds it enjoyable to greet each dog (client) with love, tenderness, and respect, and to experience their individual personalities on a very “up close and personal” basis. When you thoroughly bathe, brush, hand blow dry, clip nails, remove ear hair, trim facial hair, and/or shave body hair, you learn a lot about that “puppy” standing in front of you. She treats all of her “babies” with a gentle touch, and a kind, soothing mannerism which immediately puts them at ease. Brooke not only goes the extra distance for her dogs, but is also willing to accommodate the needs of their owners. She has been known to come to work earlier or stay later than her posted hours (Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m.). She has had clients call with extenuating circumstances wherein she provided grooming services after hours because “it was just the right thing to do”.

Brooke states that no matter how often a dog may come in for grooming, it will always go home with a bright bandana and a treat, having received lots of love and attention while in her care. The only drawback to her business is the fact that she loves all of her “babies” so much, she wishes she could take them all home with her. Brooke welcomes anyone to come by The Paw Spaw at 100 East Bobby Gerald Parkway downtown, or call 843 615-0117 to schedule an appointment. If dreams could fly,

Brooke Zeman would be on cloud 9.



Senior Aerobics at Watsonia Center

Senior Aerobics has resumed and there are still some spots for newcomers. Classes are on Monday and Thursday, from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. The instructor is Mrs. Anna Boatwright. All classes are FREE, but donations are appreciated to help defer cost of the class. If you haven't participated before, please come out and register at the Marion Recreation Department.

Looking for the right place to hold your next event?

Need a place to have your class reunion, family reunion, church social, or to have a party? We have the perfect location for you, whether an outdoor or indoor event from our picnic shelter or our recreation and fine arts center. Anyone interested in these locations for their events should call 423-5410 for availability.

Marion Chamber ribbon-cutting Ceremony



The Marion Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for the new Marion Police Department Substation located at 313 Jones Avenue on Thursday, September 1st at 10:00 a.m. Marion Chamber President Kelli Noland welcomed those attending the

Ribbon Cutting. Mayor Bobby Davis, Chief Dewayne Tennie and City Administrator Alan Ammons spoke on the benefits the substation will bring to the neighborhood around Jones Avenue.

CDJ Aerobics

Aerobics classes are offered Monday thru Friday evening, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at CD Joyner. Taught by Ms. Lillie Ann Sanders, the classes are \$30 per month. For information or details, call Recreation Department at 423-5410.

Ping Pong Club

Don't forget that Marion Recreation holds a Ping Pong Club every Monday & Wednesday from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. You can come by on one of these days and freshen up on your ping pong skills, watch some games or learn how to play. For details, call 423-5410.

Senior Bingo

We offer Senior Bingo the on first & third Thursday of each month from 8:30 a.m. –9:30 a.m. at Watsonia Recreation. Bingo is FREE of charge and we welcome newcomers to come join in on the fun. We offer prizes for the winners and refreshments for you to enjoy while playing. We do have a 2 card playing limit. Come check us out and bring some friends to join in.

Relay for Life 2016-2017 season has begun. We are looking forward to a bigger and better year than last year. With the help of everyone in Marion County we went above and beyond our goal and for that we thank everyone who donated time or money. This year we are setting the bar high with a goal of \$50,000 to raise in the next 12 months.

Our team meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each beginning at 6:00 p.m. They will be held at Carolinas Hospital System- Marion in Classroom A. Bring a friend, bring a cancer survivor, and bring anyone interested in knowing more about Relay for Life or who may want to volunteer.

Each meeting will have door prizes, auction items or items to purchase from whichever team is hosting that month. That money will go toward their individual team goal but to the overall goal of the Relay for Life Event.

The next meetings for 2016 will be
October 18th
November 15th- This is our Big KICKOFF Party
December 20th

Any question please contact Debbie Erwin- Event Lead at 843-260-4483 or debbieerwin20@gmail.com
Find us on Facebook Relay for Life of Marion County, SC

PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Marion will hold a public meeting on October 6th at the City Council Chambers at 10:00 am. The purpose of the meeting is to give an opportunity to the public to become acquainted with a proposed Rural Development project consisting generally of the purchase of a new fire engine. Citizens will have the opportunity to comment on such items as economic and environmental impacts, service area and alternatives to the project.



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City's Playgrounds

The following City of Marion playgrounds provide free fun and are open to the public:

Withlacoochee Park

Withlacoochee Ave - This park has a walking track and playground equipment. This site holds Marion's Tennis Courts.

Grice's Recreation Center

603 Gurley Street - The playground has been updated with new playground equipment. This site also has a basketball court behind the center and is near the walking track.

Tilghman Park

409 Montgomery Street - It also has slides, hobby horses, swings and a merry-go-round.